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Inventor: Alfred S. Despres III et al.
For: MODULAR CONNECTION FOR ORTHOPEDIC COMPONENT

Enclosed are:

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 REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

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The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being
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REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/909,929, filed 07/20/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR CONNECTION FOR ORTHOPEDIC COMPONENT.

Submitted with this request are the following:

1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 09/909,929 (including specification, claims, drawings, and an unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney) as originally filed;
2. A copy of RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, including a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a Duplicate Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said pending prior application Serial No. 09/909,929 is a complete and true copy;

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4. A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT which amends the application to show that it is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/909,929, filed 07/20/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR CONNECTION FOR ORTHOPEDIC COMPONENT, which in turn claims benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,955, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR ORTHOPEDIC CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-1 PROV); and prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,963, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for FORCE COUPLE CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2 PROV); and

5. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on December 30, 2003 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the pending prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior applications Serial No. 09/909,929.

The Commissioner is also authorized to prepare a certified copy of said prior copending application if the same is deemed to be necessary and to charge the cost of same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for filing in said prior copending application.

All communications in this matter should be addressed to:

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed herewith please find the formal drawings for the above-identified patent application, consisting of Figs. 1-5 on five (5) sheets of drawings.

In the event that any fee is required to be paid in connection with the present submission of formal drawings, please charge the cost of the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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